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PROPAGATION: Feb 15, Above Normal; Feb 16, High/Above Normal; Feb 17, High/Low Normal; Feb 18-20, Low Normal; Feb 21, Below Normal; Feb 22, Below/Low Normal; Feb 23, Low Normal; Feb 24-27, High Normal; Feb 28, Above Normal. TNX N4XX, KH6BZF.

ARE YOU READING SOMEONE ELSE'S COPY OF TDXB? In the first two weeks of our toll-free phone, 30 percent of the calls have been from non-subscribers. Please consider supporting this publication by paying for a subscription if you don't already. And to subscribers: every time a copy of TDXB goes through a photocopy machine or into the Interoffice Mail it lessens the chances that we will be able to continue.

W4LZZ, operating at 3X1Z the past few weeks, said on Feb 10 that his next stop would be home, not any other African countries. But someone else noted that he had said he might swing by Mali, TZ, on the way.

Bob Black, WA4SKE, who had hoped for operating permission in Mozambique at the end of March (TDXB 128) received a Telex from their government reading "We inform that the amateur radio service is suspended in Mozambique." Bob will try to break things loose when he gets to Zimbabwe in March. If the Telex is true, this would put a cloud over recent and upcoming C9 operations by Swedish amateurs. SM2DWH/C9 cards have now been received by most of those who worked the two-day operation back in December.

An official announcement just arrived concerning last weekend's Rivilla Gigedo expedition...they had planned on the calls XF4MDX and 6J5LM (SSB only), the special call in honor of the 50th anniversary of the LMRE (Liga Mexicana de Radio Experimentadores). QSLing info was to be announced later.

Following West Kiribati T3ØBO, PAØGMM was scheduled to activate E. Kiribati as T32AE through about Feb 16 or so. His favorite place is 14202 at 0500Z.

ZS2BK is testing and breaking in the TS-130S which will go to Andy, ZD9BV, later this month. It was mentioned that Andy has a receiver and has been doing some listening already, to familiarize himself with hamming procedures. Look for his operating to start about Mar 1.

RUMORS of a PYØ Peter and Paul Rocks by Brazilians and a certain K5 appear to be unfounded; the time frame being mentioned was the end of this month. Talk persists of a Trindade operation by PY1RR and others for the end of March.

We are awaiting word from VK2BJL concerning a Mellish Reef operation in May. And there is nothing coming through from either P29JS or SVØBV about Heard Island for this year, although now a cost figure of \$100,000 is being bandied about.

KF10/CEØX QSL cards are not yet in the mails, and no matter because ARRL is still not making any decision on whether they would count for DXCC...but they are leaning toward NOT accepting the operation, on the basis of evidence presently on hand.

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The CBS news show "60 Minutes" featured a Morley Safer special on the S. African "homeland" of Bophutswana on Feb 7; this excellent show demonstrated why ARRL is not considering any of the so-called "homelands" for DXCC credit.

Word from Italy was that a SMOM 1A0KM operation was to take place the weekend of Feb 13/14, but a station signing that call was worked by many on Feb 9, on 10 Meter SSB and 15 CW. No indication of legitimacy.

A letter from 9G1RF stated that the new government in Ghana, installed Dec 26, was putting all amateurs off the air, and indicated that the situation might be a long-term one.

Martti Laine, OH2BH, finished his CR9BH operation and left some RTTY equipment with both Simon, CR9AN, and with Tim Chen, BV2A (who has been conspicuously absent from the bands of late). RTTY addicts are also advised that Everett Jackson, WA8CZS, will be making a lot of teletype noise from Anguilla (see Calendar). He won't have a VP2E callsign until arriving there.

W7PHO says FB8WG missed two recent "promised" skeds, on 14225 at the usual time of about 1500Z on Feb 7 and 8. However, Georges was found by a lucky few on 14,111 on Feb 9; they called him on CW and he answered on SSB. This was his scheme back in December.

DP0LEX, a German Antarctic expedition by DL6RK and others until 1983, got off to a bad start when their ship, the Gottland II, ran aground last week.

TDXB Issue 127 (Feb 1) was mailed Friday, Jan 29; if you didn't get it, please send an SAE...we'll pay the postage. This issue will be mailed on schedule Friday, Feb 12.

KH3AB of last year is now NR4K, and he handles his own QSL cards, as well as those for presently-active KA6HIQ/KH3. Do NOT send cards to KB7MO.

HH2JR now says HH0N QSLs for last June's operation will be printed in two weeks (they don't count for DXCC).

There is still time to send a letter to ARRL's DX Advisory Committee about list and net operations...here is the text of the form letter you will get in reply:

"On behalf of the Headquarters and the DX Advisory Committee, I would like to acknowledge your letter regarding list operations, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the DXAC.

"During 1978 and 1979 the DXAC studied the question of whether contacts made by list operations should count for DXCC credit. The conclusion was that they should count even though lists are NOT the preferred method of operation. An operating guideline (sic) was written and published in the September 1979 QST. I have attached a copy for your information.

"Please accept my apology for this form letter. The volume of correspondence coupled with my lack of a word processor or secretarial service prohibits a more personal reply. The members of the DXAC are reviewing the letters being received, and your opinions are valued. Thank you for your concern and support of the DXCC program."

/s/ Norm E. Myers, N9MM
Corresponding Secretary, DXAC

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Former D4CBC now signs D44BC.

H44SH is interested in both 40 and 80 Meters, and is working for 5-Band WAS. He likes Sundays 1200-1300Z, 3794 and 7218, also 3895. QSLs to ADIS.

Poland reinstated telephone service to all areas but Gdansk on Feb 10, but any international communication (including, obviously, amateur radio) is still verboten. Mail appears to be getting in and out, but is heavily censored. Send QSLs in an envelope, but don't seal it.

ARRL's Board of Directors were in attendance at the Miami Hamboree last weekend, and they interviewed finalists for General Manager, but no decision was made. They might take a straw vote by mail prior to the March formal Board meeting, but no announcement would be made until the meeting itself.

BANDPASS: Call/Frequency/UTC (plus West, Central, East Coast report)/Date

AP2AL 14205 13C 7	J3AE 3505 02C 4	VP8AJM 14297 04E 6	4U1UN 14025 23C 5
A4XJO 7001 03E 5	J3AE 3504 02E 9	VP8ANT 7002 03E 7	4U1UN 3523 04E 6
A51PN 28051 22E 7	J3AE 7005 01E 9	VP8ANT 7002 05W 9	4U1UN 7024 02E 6
A71AD 14175 20E 4	J3AAC 21284 21E 10	VS6CT 14225 15C 6	4U1UN 14207 21E 6
A9XCE 14005 13E 6	KG6RT 3506 12E 5	VS6DO 7002 12E 6	4U1UN 14219 13C 7
A9XDD 28742 14C 6	KG6RT 7013 12E 5	VU2WTR 7002 12E 7	DK6NL/
CE6CFX 7003 04E 5	AH2G 7006 12E 4	N6YK/	5N8 14219 21E 4
CN8CY 14175 20E 4	LU5ZI 28595 23C 4	V2A 3503 00E 4	OE5SB/
CN8AT 14248 21E 4	LU5ZI 28595 23E 5	N6YK/7002 03W 9	5N2 28571 14E 5
C53CG 14248 21E 4	LU5ZI 14207 06E 6	XT2AU 28742 14C 6	5T5RR 28550 12E 7
K4MRG/	(S. Shetlands)	YB5AES 14021 12E 5	5W1DQ 14202 06E 8
DU2 14212 14C 6	DJ2BW/	YB2BJY 14209 14C 6	5Z4EX 14020 20E 4
EA9IE 7094 07E 5	LX 28028 13E 6	YJ8JP 28522 23E 6	9K2EW 14204 13C 4
EP2TY 14212 16W 8	OA4AWD 3505 11E 5	OE5JTL/	9L1SL 3503 23C 3
FB8WG 14111 16W 9	PY1ZAE 1827 06E 6	YK 28540 15E 4	9L1SL 7002 01E 4
FC9UC 7006 23C 4	T3ØAT 14021 13E 4	OE5JTL/	9L1SL 14031 02E 4
FG7AS 3501 02E 4	T3ØBO 14203 05E 5	YK 28530 15E 9	9L1SL 3502 02E 5
FK8CR 7079 12E 6	T3ØBO 14201 04E 6	YV1NX 1802 04E 4	9L1SL 7002 01E 5
FK8DR 14209 06E 6	T3ØBO 14206 05E 7	ZB2J 14248 21E 4	9L1SL 7001 23E 6
FO8DP 14210 04E 5	TU2JT 7007 05E 6	ZK1CG 14331 11E 4	9L1SL 14033 20E 6
FO8GW 21275 17E 5	UA1PAM 14004 01E 6	ZL4PO/C 14208 05E 5	9L1SL 21034 20E 6
FO8GX 21345 00E 6	UA9OBG 3505 04E 6	ZL3TZ/C 3502 12E 7	9L1SL 28032 14E 7
FOØPT 7003 12E 8	UA9HCL 7002 12E 6	ZL4PO/C 14234 08C 7	9L1SL 7003 00E 8
FO8EW 21021 03E 8	UD6DHJ 3501 03E 5	ZS5LB 3501 04E 5	9L1SL 3502 02E 8
FR7BX 14015 13E 6	UK6FAA 14006 12E 6	Z21DL 14017 05W 9	LA2EX/
FGØGA/	UF6CR 3501 01E 7	1AØKM 28690 16E 9	9L1 21287 00W 8
FS7 28002 16E 7	UK6GAA 7002 23E 4	3B8CF 7006 02E 3	9M8PW 28576 00C 4
FYØFOL 3523 04E 6	UH8AED 14005 12E 4	3B8AS 14009 03E 4	9X5MH 21321 21E 6
HKØBKK 3504 02E 1	UH8HCA 7001 01E 4	3B8CF 3503 02E 4	9Y5ØNP 14225 04E 3
HKØBKK 3505 02E 6	UH8HAS 14027 03E 8	3B8CF 3503 02E 5	
HKØFBF 3795 05E 7	UI8ZAC 28532 13E 5	3B8CF 7008 02E 5	PHONE HOT NEWS:
HL9UF 21370 02E 6	UL7TBM 7007 13E 6	3B8DO 3503 02E 8	
HS1ALF 14021 12E 5	VK9XW 14332 12C 4	3D2ER 14221 05C 4	800-243-7144
HS4ANK 7080 11E 6	VK9YB 14024 22C 8	3D2VU 7005 11C 5	
HS1AMS 14225 16C 6	VK9ZH 14332 12C 4	3D2VU 3502 12E 5	
HZ1AB 14221 13C 7	VK9ZH 28501 00E 8	3D2VU 7002 12E 7	
H44SH 3795 12E 4	VK9ZH 28575 01C 9	3D2VU 3503 12E 8	
JAØUGY 3501 12E 4	VP8AIB 14215 02C 4	3X1Z 14175 20E 4	
JWØP 14213 00C 6	(Falklands)	3X1Z 21272 23W 7	
JWØP 14027 21E 10	VP8LP 14218 01E 5	4S7WP 14008 01E 8	

W1BIH/PJ2 pleads that you do not send QSLs to his Torrington Conn address until after April 1; John has an arrangement with the local postmaster.

JA7SGV's T3AF operation in November 1980 ran into Newington troubles, as his QSL did not specifically state WEST Kiribati. He now has printed new ones which solve the problem, and you should try again if your first card bounced. (get a new QSL, that is).

Further to VK30T upcoming operations (see Issue 127 and Calendar): Steve will leave Perth on schedule Feb 24 for Cocos Keeling, with an IC730 and Cushcraft tribander. Steve will sign VK9YT and another operator, anonymous at this point, has the call VK9YM. The two will leave Mar 10 for Christmas Is, 400 miles to the East, and will run two stations...look for VK9XT, VK9XM, and/or VK9XI. Plenty of CW activity promised, especially on 40 and 80 Meters.

CALENDAR

Crozet	FB8WG on NOW; Issue 126, 129	Tristan	ZD9BV Mar 1; Issue 125
Sudan	G3DYY/ST soon; I 126	Samoa	5W1DV/5W1DW Mar 2-9
Angola	Still waiting for OK3TAB/D2	Competition	ARRL DX Phone, Mar 6/7, full 48-hour period
Fiji	Look for 3D2VU (DL1VU) now	Caymans	ZF2FL by N6RJ Mar 6/7
E. Carolines	KC6DZ (N5RM) ends Feb 15		
Rev. Gigedo	XF4MDX ends Feb 15; I 127	Christmas	VK9XT Mar 10-17; Issue 129
E. Kiribati	T32AE by PA0GMM ends Feb 16	Niue	ZK2 by VK3VU, VK3DET, Mar 10-24
Antigua	V2AMK by K9 group Feb 14-24	Maldives	8Q7AH by HB9TL Mar 14-25
Hong Kong	VS6AG by WA4SKE ends Feb 15	BVI	VP2VHV by K9BJ Mar 18-25
St Kitts	K4FW/VP2K Feb 14-27		
Wallis	FW0VU starts mid-Feb **	Convention	ARRL Roanoke Div, Mar 20/21; Issue 129
Singapore	9VINR by WA4SKE Feb 17	Tonga	A35RF by VK3VU Mar 26-Apr 15
W Malaysia	9M2AV/EE by WA4SKE Feb 19/20	Contest	CQ WPX SSB, Mar 27/28, full 48-hour period
Anguilla	RTTY by WA8CZS Feb 19-Mar 5	N Yemen	G3DYY hoping for Mar or Apr
Competition	ARRL DX CW Feb 20/21; full 48-hour period.		
Sable	VE1AWS/1 rumored Feb 21-28	Barbados	8P6EY (W1FB), 8P6FJ (W1CKK) Apr 2-16
BVI	Tortola by VP2s VFI, VFT, VFU, VFV Feb 20-Mar 4	Hong Kong	Activity Days Apr 3/4
E Malaysia	9M8FW/PK by WA4SKE Feb 21	Fiji	3D2 by VK3VU Apr 16-21
N Cooks	ZK1CG Feb 22-Mar 15; I 126	Convention	Visalia CA Apr 16-18;
Thailand	HS1WR by WA4SKE Feb 22/23	Hamvention	Dayton, Apr 23-25
Montserrat	By K9MK Feb 24-28		
Cocos-K	VK9YT Feb 24-Mar 10; I 129		
Virgin Is	K5NA/KP2 Mar 1-14		
Grenada	J3 by W8UVZ, WB8LDH, Mar 1-10		

** Late word from 3D2VU is he may use the call HW1DC from Wallis this week, start-on the 15th or 16th. This would be a legit call from the block assigned to France.

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LU5ZI is talking about leaving S. Shetlands around Feb 15, and may go to either S Sandwich or S. Orkneys...all depends on transportation.

9L1SL operator was GM3YOR, scheduled to end Feb 15; QSL to N3ADC.

An Anguilla operation Mar 4-11 by N1BIC, WA1GSO, and WB2THN, will include the ARRL International DX Competition Phone weekend. Some assistance is coming from the IDXF. QSLs to WA1GSO.

Next Issue: the monthly QSL route list and QSL HELP!